

2. (Amended) An implantable tubular device formed substantially tubular and having a diameter so set that said device can be inserted into a lumen in a human body and capable of dilating radially upon application of a force acting radially outwardly from an interior of said tubular body,

said device comprising:

a plurality of wavy annular members each formed of a wavy element and arranged in an axial direction of said device; and

connection portions each connecting said wavy annular members to each other in the axial direction of said device;

wherein each of said wavy annular members has free bent portions not connected to other wavy annular members;

a deformable portion forming a predetermined angle with respect to the axial direction of the device and more easily deformed than a remainder of the device;

said deformable portion being formed on one of the free bent portions in such a way that said deformable portion crosses said wavy annular member.

3. (Amended) An implantable device according to claim 1, wherein said deformable portions include a groove formed on an inner surface of said device or on an outer surface thereof or on both said inner and outer surfaces thereof.

5. (Amended) An implantable device according to claim 1, wherein said deformable portions form an angle of 20 - 90° with the axial direction of said device.

6. (Amended) An implantable device according to claim 1, wherein said deformable portions are so formed that when said deformable portions are prolonged, said deformable portions continuously go around a periphery of said device.

7. (Amended) An implantable device according to claim 1, wherein said deformable portions are so formed that when said deformable portions are prolonged, a spiral is formed on the periphery of said device.

9. (Amended) An implantable device according to claim 1, wherein an interval between said deformable portions in the axial direction of said device is 0.01 - 1mm.

11. (Amended) An implantable device according to claim 1, wherein said device is formed by forming a spiral deformable portion-provided tubular body by connecting axially adjacent coiled wire members to each other directly or indirectly and removing a portion of said tubular body other than a portion thereof which is to be formed as said device.

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12. (Amended) An implantable device according to claim 1, wherein said device is formed by forming an annular deformable portions-provided tubular body by directly or indirectly connecting ring members so disposed parallel to each other as to form a cylindrical shape and removing a portion of said tubular body other than a portion thereof which is to be formed as said device.

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16. (Amended) An implantable device according to claim 1, wherein at least one part of an outer surface of said deformable portions is coated with a coating material made of a biocompatible material, a biodegradable material or a synthetic resin.

*Kindly add the following new Claims 20-31.*

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-- 20. (New) An implantable device according to claim 1, wherein said device consists of a stent having a frame structure, and said deformable portions are entirely on said frame structure.

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21. (New) An implantable device according to claim 2, wherein said device consists of a stent having a frame structure, and said deformable portion is formed in a plural number and said deformable portions are entirely on said frame structure.

22. (New) An implantable device according to claim 2, wherein said deformable portion consists of a groove formed on an inner surface of said device or on an outer surface thereof or on both said inner and outer surfaces thereof.

23. (New) An implantable device according to claim 22, wherein a depth of said groove is set to 5 - 50% of a thickness of said device.

24. (New) An implantable device according to claim 2, wherein said deformable portion is formed in a plural number and an interval between said deformable portions in the axial direction of said device is 0.01 - 1mm.

25. (New) An implantable device according to claim 2, wherein said device is formed by forming a spiral deformable portion-provided tubular body by connecting axially adjacent coiled wire members to each other directly or indirectly and removing a portion of said tubular body other than a portion thereof which is to be formed as said device.

26. (New) An implantable device according to claim 2, wherein said device is formed by forming an annular deformable portions-provided tubular body by directly or indirectly connecting ring members so disposed parallel to each other as to form a cylindrical shape and removing a portion of said tubular body other than a portion thereof which is to be formed as said device.

27. (New) An implantable device according to claim 2, wherein said device carries a medicine, a bioprosthetic material or a biosynthesis material.

28. (New) An implantable device according to claim 2, wherein at least one part of the outer surface of said device is coated with a coating material made of a biocompatible material, a biodegradable material or a synthetic resin.

29. (New) An implantable device according to claim 2, wherein at least one part of an outer surface of said deformable portion is coated with a coating material made of a biocompatible material, a biodegradable material or a synthetic resin.

30. (New) An implantable device according to claim 29, wherein said coating material carries a medicine, a bioprosthetic material or a biosynthesis material.

31. (New) An implantable device according to claim 29, wherein said coating material is formed of a biodegradable material to which a medicine, a bioprosthetic material or a biosynthesis material is added. --